[Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai.]

May 1937. It was accepted by all his Professors that he would pass. But owing to circumstances beyond his control, *viz.*, the outbreak of plague, he did not pass. There was rat fall in his house and naturally, he was greatly disturbed and worried. His Professors have reported that he has been a very hard working and intelligent student. Some other students also failed in the examination on account of the plague scare. As soon as this matter was reported to Government, they made enquiries. Reports were called for from the Principal of the College. He reported that there was a large number of failures owing to the outbreak of plague and that it would be advisable to continue the scholarship to Mr. Kesava Pillai for one more year.

Therefore, on the recommendation of the Principal of the College at Benares and also of the Principal of the local College of Ayurveda, Government have decided to continue the scholarship for another year. There is no provision for this in the budget for the year. Hence this supplementary demand is made.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: Did this Mr. Kesava Pillai sit for the examination.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Yes. But he was greatly worried, like many others who also sat and failed.

MR. M. G. MATHEW: For how many days did the rat fall continue?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I have no information about that; but there was rat fall during the examination period.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Did any student pass?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: All that the report says is that a number of students failed.

MR. M. G. MATHEW: Were they all living in the same house?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Some of them were living in the same house.

MR. M. G. MATHEW; How many?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I have no information.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

INDUSTRIES.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,01,200 under Industries. The Demand is composed of 2 items, (1) Rs. 1,200 for drill motion power looms for the Central Technological Institute, and (2) Rs. 1,00,000 for the Ceramic Factory.

The necessity for the looms has arisen on account of the present policy of Government to manufacture, as far as possible, the stores necessary for the various Departments. The Department of Industries has therefore undertaken to manufacture several items for some of the Departments.

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At present, in the Textile Section of the Technological Institute, we have 4 power looms; but none of them is suited for the manufacture of twill and drill cloth which we have to supply for uniforms. We have got accommodation, power and other facilities, for the manufacture of drill and twill cloth; only we have not got the special looms with which we can manufacture them. Hence the present demand for Rs. 1,200.

In regard to item No. (2), there is a lump provision of Rs. 2,25,000 in the Budget for the year. Out of that, Rs. 77,928 is set apart for works to be carried out by the P. W. D., and the balance for machinery equipment, salaries etc. The P. W. D. have so far spent Rs. 36,349, and the Ceramic Expert about Rs. 91,498.

Some machinery were ordered in February 1937, and, normally, they ought to have arrived here by June. But they arrived very late last year so that we had to pay for them out of the provision in this year's budget. To make up for this and for some new machinery this amount of one lakh is required The following are some of the new items. The original idea was to pack refined clay in gunny bags. Now, it has been found that it would be better and more profitable to use casks, made of cheap wood available in plenty in our forests, for packing clay. It has therefore been decided to instal a cask making plant. That is estimated to cost about Rs. 20,000.

A sum of Rs. 10,000 is required for boring machinery which is necessary (1) for finding out sources of water, in the locality, which we require in very large quantities for washing and cleaning the clay, and (2) for ascertaining the depth up to which clay is available.

We also require a drying chamber along with certain other machinery. Hence the present demand for Rs. 1,00,000.

MR. E. P VARGHESE: What was the allotment for machinery in the last year's Budget.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Rs. 54,000 odd.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Was it not Rs. 78,000 odd ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No. Out of the lump sum provision of Rs. 2,25,000, only Rs. 54,000 odd was intended for machinery.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: It was stated in the Budget speech that the machines had arrived and that it was hoped that the washing plant would be finished by the end of the year.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The machinery arrived very late and could not be paid for last year as was expected. They were paid for only out of the allotment for the current year. And, certain new machinery are required.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ക്ലേഫ്രാക്ടറിക്ക ഇന്നേവരെ എത്രരൂപായിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Rs. 2,89,290.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: ഇതു് കരവക്കിങ്ങ് ഷെഡിൽ വരുന്നതിനു എത്ര ലക്ഷം രൂപാ വേണ്ടിവരും?

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MR. C. KUMARA DAS: A little over Rs. 5 lakhs. The Demand was put to vote and carried. The grant was made.

FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 6,594.

(*i*) for the appointment temporarily of two Veterinary Inspectors on Rs. 50-75 each and staff at Minachil and Permbavur for carrying on a campaign against anthrax Rs. 1,844

(*ii*) for the erection of the cold storage plant in the Fisheries Section of the Agricultural Department—Rs. 4,750.

Sir, with regard to item (*i*) I wish to say at the outset that tt anthrax is a very serious disease the disease, broke out in certain villages in the taluk of minachil early in Kanni 1113 and the Veterinary Superintendent was directed to visit the spot at once and to carry on the necessary inoculation. The attention of the Division Peishkar was also drawn to the serious nature of the pestilence and the Veterinary Superintendent in company with the Veterinary Inspector there and the Tahsildar visited all the villages where the disease was reported to be prevalent and carried on a systematic campaign to bring the disease under control. The Public Health Director who was also informed of the out break of the disease visited the spot and gave directions to his subordinates to carry on the necessary prophylactic measures because anthrax is a disease which is highly communicable to human beings as well. The animals when once afflicted with the disease seldom survive. It is therefore very necessary. Sir, that in the interests of the welfare of the cattle in the taluks of Minachil, Thodupuzha and Perumbavur and also of the human popu'ation in the places, a vigorous campaign should be started immediately to bring the disease under control. It is for this purpose that a grant has been asked for for the appointment of two veterinary inspectors who will tour in the villages and do everything possible to bring the disease under control. In view of the gravity of the situation I hope the House will allow this demand.

With regard to item (*ii*), the erection of the cold storage plant, I am very glad to be able to tell the House that the plant is already under construction in the Connemara Market here. The two Japanese contractors who have come here for attending to the completion of the plant have suggested a certain modifications to be made for the efficient working of the plant and it is in connection with these additions and alterations which have to be made in accordance with their suggestions that an additional grant of Rs. 4,750 has been asked for. Before the plant was actually constructed, the Chief Engineer wrote to say that it would be advisable to get down these contractors and to carry on the construction of the plant under their direct supervision and responsibility. The process that is going to be adopted in the working of this plant is cooling by the ammonia refrigeration process. In this process during the liquifaction of ammonia, a certain amount of heat is given up and it is necessary to recool the water, that surrounds these tubes

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